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ADN, East German news agency, reports that a group of 218 German scientists and technical experts and their families returned from the USSR to East Germany on 21 September 1950. They had worked in secret industries in the USSR since the end of World War II.

Of the estimated number of 4,000 German specialists, employed at unknown places in the USSR, this is the first group to return to East Germany. These specialists were sent to the USSR by Soviet authorities immediately after the end of hostilities, and their families were permitted to join them afterward.

Among the specialists are rocket construction experts, optical experts from the Zeiss Plant in Jena, and jet engine experts.

In May 1950, Gerhard Eisler, East Germany's information chief, had denied that German civilian specialists were working in the USSR and had told West German journalists that reports to this effect were all lies and imperialist propaganda.

[A similar item giving less detail appeared in the Stockholm Dagens Nyheter, 22 September 1950.]

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